

STATISTICS for December 22 & 29 will be in the January 5, 2025 bulletin.

Prayer Ministry Update

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Continue to pray for Jeanne, Linda, Rick, Ray, Harold, George, John, Wendy, the Fitze family, Nick and Alex, Army, and troops as they serve in Africa.
- Please pray for Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Pray for all who are grieving violence. Christ have mercy.
- Please pray for peace to prevail in Israel, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Nigeria, Niger, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Indian Creek COB. Wilmington COB is praying for us.

SEEKERS CLASS

The Book of James is one of the shortest books of the Bible, but it is important to the Church of the Brethren due to its emphasis on putting faith into action. It is also the basis for certain Brethren practices, like anointing and laying on of hands. In **January** the Seekers Class will have a traditional Bible Study on the Book of James, based on the book in the Covenant Bible Study Series by Brethren pastor David Young. Join us downstairs Sunday mornings at 9:00!

2025 FLOWER CHART

The 2025 flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please sign your name and write V for vases or A for arrangement on the date you want to place flowers in the worship center. Remember to fill out a pink order form and turn it in with payment to the church office or put in the offering plate. Cost for one arrangement is \$43; the cost for 2 vases is \$48. Please call the church office with questions.

Purpose Statement

In joyful community, we follow Jesus to embody God's love with all our neighbors.

Mountville Church of the Brethren



December 29, 2024

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*Fostering growth in faith,
growth in community, and growth in service.*

December 29, 2024 10:15 a.m.

**Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the narthex.**

***Congregation stands in body or spirit.**

GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

As people of God, we clothe ourselves with compassion and kindness

We reach out in gentleness and humility

As people of God, we are patient and forbearing

We seek to forgive, as God is forgiving

As people of God, we are called to the Peace of Christ

We are bound by Christ's love whose message dwells within us

As people of God, we act in the name of Jesus the newly born Messiah

We give thanks to God in prayer and song, with gratitude in our heart.

*HYMN *O come, all ye faithful* 212

*INVOCATION

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-17 NT 198

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Birthday of a King* Neidlinger

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN *Good Christian friends, rejoice* 210

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom (v.2)* 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *Dress for success* Joe Buohl

*HYMN *Angels we have heard on high* 197

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rise Up Shepherd and Tell it on the Mountain*
Spirituals

Please Remember to Sign the Attendance Pads.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Rm. 101
12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary
Tues: 8:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen,
Hospitality Room
Wed: – New Year’s Day: Church Office Closed
No Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share
No Chancel Choir
Thurs: 2:45 p.m. – Power Packs

Next Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

- Adult Sunday School, studies the Book of James, based on the book in the Covenant Bible Study Series by Brethren pastor David Young in January. Meet in room 102.
- Birth through pre-K meet in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meet in room 123.

Children’s Worship

Today is family worship. Children will remain in the sanctuary to worship with the congregation.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God.

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares *Renewal through Story* from 1 Corinthians 3:11. Harold Ulmer is the worship leader and special music is provided.

FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA’S SABBATH

Friday’s prayer concerns should be directed to Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine. If you want to leave a non-urgent message for Pastor Angela on Fridays or any day after 9:00 p.m., please send an email rather than a text. She keeps her phone on 24/7 for emergencies.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Pastor Angela and Jackie will be out of the office Wednesday, December 25 thru Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer needs.

In God’s Service Today

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Pastor Rev. Angela Finet
Guest Speaker Joe Buohl
Music Director John Hess
Organist Gloria Hess
Piano Sarah Repkoe
Worship Leader Walt VanderHeijden
Ushers Cindy Heisey, Beth Hess, Bob Keller, Holly Mele
Special Music Sarah Repkoe
Children’s Ministry Family Worship
Nursery Joyce Kerns
Greeters Bob & Heidi Keller, Tom & Gail Druck
Prayer Chain Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security Harry Light
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Holly Mele gives the flowers in the worship center to the glory of God and in honor of McKenna and Alex Wolford’s 21st birthday.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

January 11: 9:30 a.m.: Men’s Breakfast & Fellowship, Centerville Diner
January 26, 10:15 a.m.: Communion during Worship

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Columbia Area Food Bank receives our December Food Cart items. These can be placed in the cart in the lower entrance by the elevator. Please remember no perishables, **glass**, or outdated items. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering with “food bank” on the envelope.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will not meet December 31, 2024. Scripture Chat will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPE

The 2025 envelopes are in your mailbox. If you did not receive them and would like to, please contact Greg Smith.